

PART II. ANSWERS IN FULL TO EXAMINER'S QUESTIONS

2.1. QUESTION: Claims 1-15 are rejected under 35USC112, First paragraph. From the specification it is not clear what a "meal equivalent" bar means. Is the bar equal to consuming the food in a meal? Is the comparison based on calories?

ANSWER: The inventive "Meal Equivalent Food Bar" is defined in the Specification (SUMMARY OF INVENTION) as: "an improved meal-substitute food bar, with segments which are equivalent to the courses of a Conventional Meal: Appetizer, Main Course, and Dessert."

The "equivalence" is primarily flavor, which is a primary feature of the inventive food bar: to "avoid boredom" when eating through the bar by eating a variety of flavors, the flavor sequence in correspondence with the courses of a "Conventional Meal."

Note 1: The terms: "Conventional Meal: Appetizer, Main Course, Dessert; Flavor; Calories" are technical terms in the food/culinary art, and defined in Reference Culinary Publications, for example: *The Fannie Farmer Cookbook*, Knopf, N.Y., 1990, published repeatedly from 1890-1990, and incorporated herein by reference. Pertinent pages are attached herewith: 4, 5, 63, 65, 933, 1142-1147, and incorporated in the following full answers.